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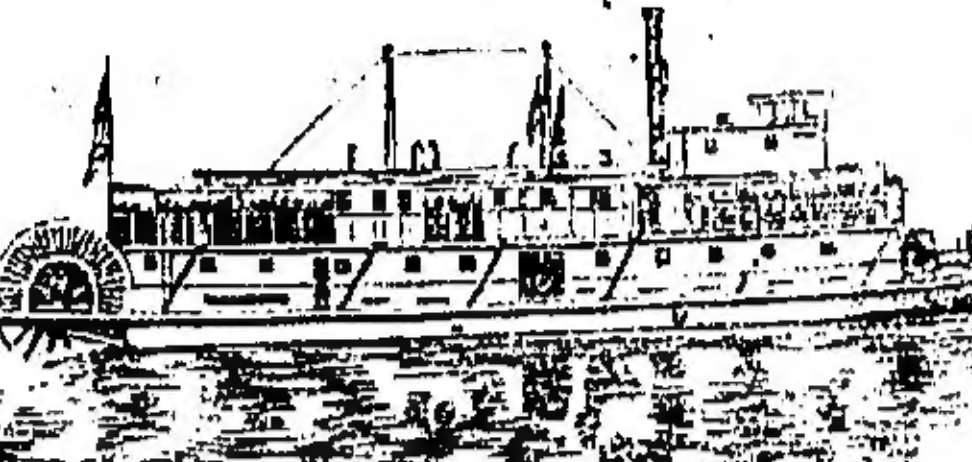
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Intimations.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held in the Company's Office, No. 14, Des Voeux Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, 6th FEBRUARY, 1904, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers, for the year ending 31st December, 1903, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 5th FEBRUARY, both days inclusive. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, January 18, 1904. 119

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMSHIP CO. LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company, will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 6th FEBRUARY, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, confirming the appointment of a Director and electing Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd January, to the 6th FEBRUARY, inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors, T. ARNOLD, Secretary. Hongkong, January 16, 1904. 102

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.

THE EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 18 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on WEDNESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, 1904, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1903. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 13th FEBRUARY, 1904, both days inclusive. JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. Hongkong, January 27, 1904. 177

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the General Managers, Pedder's Street, at 12.30 P.M., on WEDNESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1903, and the Report of the General Managers. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 10th FEBRUARY, both days inclusive. JARDINE MATHESON & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, January 30, 1904. 202

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 20th day of FEBRUARY, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1903. By Order of the Court of Directors, (Sd.) J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager. Hongkong, January 29, 1904. 204

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTER OF SHARES of this Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 6th, to the 29th day of FEBRUARY (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered. By Order of the Court of Directors, (Sd.) J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager. Hongkong, January 29, 1904. 206

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the OFFICES of the COMPANY, Queen's Buildings, New Quay, on MONDAY, the 22nd FEBRUARY, 1904, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1903. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 22nd FEBRUARY, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors, THOS. I. ROSE, Secretary. Hongkong February 1, 1904. 209

JARMICHAEL AND CLARKE.

CONSULTING ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS. SURVEYORS AND CONTRACTORS. REPAIRS PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO. TELEGRAMS: 'JARMICHAEL', HONGKONG. A. B. C. Code, 4th Edition. A. I. Code. Lieber's Standard Code. TELEPHONE, 232. Hongkong, March 14, 1903. 563

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Entertainments.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

SATURDAY, 6th FEBRUARY, 1904. MADAM CANDOTTI'S CONCERT PROGRAMME:

PART I.
1—Orchestra, Overture to Don Juan.....Mozart.
2—Song.....April Birthday.....Ronald.
3—Piano.....(a) Prelude Op. 10, No. 3.....Chopin.
(b) Rigoletto Paraphrase de Concert.....Liszt.
4—Song.....Tell me, my heart.....Bishop.
5—Violin.....Loggion.....Wieniawsky.
6—Song.....(a) See & Aria Op. 10, No. 3.....Vaccini.
(b) Arditia Valse.....Arditi.
MADAM CANDOTTI.

PART II.
7—Orchestra.....Meerestille und Glückliche Fahrt.....Mendelssohn.
8—Song.....A Song of Thanksgiving.....Francis Allinson.
9—Piano.....(a) The Lark (Russian Song by Glinka) Transcription Balakirev.
(b) Romance Op. 6
(c) In the Troika (The) Tchaikovsky.
(Troika means a Russian three-horse sledge with little bells).
10—Violin.....(a) Salut d'amour.....Elgar.
(b) Capriccio.....Carl Bohm.
11—Male Quartet by the Members of the German Liedertafel.
12—Piano.....(a) Concertation D.B. major No. 3.....Liszt.
(b) Minuet.....(c) Capriccio (Souvenir d'Andalouse).....Gottschalk.
MADAM CANDOTTI.

Tickets for Sale at the Robinson Piano Company. Prices.....\$3, 2, and 1. To commence at 9 p.m. Hongkong, February 4, 1904. 239

A SMOKING CONCERT

WILL BE GIVEN BY THE VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB ON SATURDAY NEXT, the 6th FEBRUARY, at 9 P.M. SHARP, in the CLUB GYMNASIUM, Kowloon.

Admission.....\$1.00 COME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS. Arrangements have been made with the Star Ferry Co. to run a late Launch from Kowloon, at 12.15 A.M.

HAROLD C. AUSTEN, Acting Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, February 4, 1904. 237

Intimations.**JURY LIST 1904.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Pursuant to the Provisions of THE JURY CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE, 1887, I have this day caused to be posted, at the chief entrance to the Court House, a List of all persons ascertained by me to be liable to serve as Jurors.

The said List will remain so posted until THURSDAY, 18th instant, in order that any person, not duly notified in writing, may require that his name or the name of some other person may be respectively added to or struck off from the said List, upon cause to be duly assigned in such notice.

ARATHOON SETH, Acting Registrar. Supreme Court House, Hongkong, February 3, 1904. 228

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out from Lyemun Sub-District (Pak-sha-wan Battery) in the direction of the entrance to Junk Bay at Ranges from 600 to 2,000 yards, on the 13th instant.

If the weather is unfavourable on the above date, practice will take place on the 14th, and end at 11 a.m., if the range is clear.

By Command, A. M. THOMSON, Acting Colonial Secretary. Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, February 3, 1904. 230

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.

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NOS. 5 and 6, BARROW TERRACE, Kowloon, Available 1st March. Apply to THE SAM WANG CO., LTD. Hongkong, February 4, 1904. 238

TO LET.

ON or about 15th FEBRUARY next, HOUSES in Kowloon, at moderate Rentals. Apply to HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO. Hongkong, January 5, 1904. 26

TO LET—FURNISHED.

'LEWKNOR' The Peak, for 18 months, from Middle of MARCH.—Well FURNISHED, less than 15 minutes from Tram. Apply to M. W. SLADE. Hongkong, January 23, 1904. 150

TO LET.

A HOUSE in KNITSFORD TERRACE, Kowloon. Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD. Hongkong, January 27, 1904. 183

TO LET.

NOS. 5, ZETLAND STREET To Let from March next. Apply to THE ROBINSON PIANO CO., Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, January 29, 1903. 107

TO LET.

NINE BACHELOR QUARTERS To Let, FURNISHED, CAINE ROAD Level, Fine View, Cool, Convenient. Apply to 'X. X.' Care of 'CHINA MAIL' Office. Hongkong, December 12, 1903. 2504

TO LET.

AT Moderate Rentals, High-class OFFICES, in ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, occupying the best business position in the Colony. Apply to SECRETARY, A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited. Hongkong, September 23, 1903. 34

TO LET.

FURNISHED or UNFURNISHED—A HOUSE at the Peak in a Central Situation. Apply to DENISON, RAM & GIBBS, 17A, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, January 28, 1904. 194

TO LET—(UNFURNISHED).

IMMEDIATE POSSESSION. RESIDENCE 5, Stewart Terrace (Peak), lately occupied by Major BAKER BROWN, R.E. Apply to 'A. B.' Care of 'CHINA MAIL' Office. Hongkong, January 29, 1904. 198

TO LET.

NOS. 10, MACDONNELL ROAD. No. 1, RIFON TERRACE, in FLATS, No. 4, RIFON TERRACE. No. 15, WONG NEI CHONG ROAD, facing Race Course. FLATS in MORETON TERRACE, facing the Polo Ground. OFFICES, in Course of Erection, CONNAUGHT ROAD (near Black Pier). GODOWN NO. 3A, BLUE BUILDINGS. GODOWNS PRATA EAST. Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD. Hongkong, February 1, 1903. 211

TO LET.

GOOD FOR EUROPEAN OFFICES. NOS. 39, 40, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Floors, above Maison Levy Hermanos. Possession at the end of March, 1904. A Lift is to be constructed there. Apply to KIN ON, Agent, No. 39, D'Aguiar Street. Hongkong, January 28, 1904. 189

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Amusements

Performance at City Hall.

Smoking Concert in the Club.

Proceedings, Kowloon.

Meetings

Meeting of The Hongkong

Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., at the

Company's Office.

Meeting of Shareholders of Hong-

kong, Canton and Macao Steamboat

Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

Miscellaneous

Register of Shares of Hongkong and

Shanghai Banking Corporation, close-

d from this date to the 28th February

inclusive.

Goods put through not cleared at 4 p.m.

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General Memoranda

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20 p.m. Auction of a first-class Steer-

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BIRTH.

On the 28th January, at 1, MacGregor Road, Shanghai, the wife of A. TURNER, of a Daughter.

DEATHS.

At the Government Civil Hospital, on February 1st, MARIUS GUION, aged 46 years.

On the 12th January, at Seoul, Corea, HENRY EDMUND CHARLESWORTH, of the English Church Mission to Corea, son of W. H. Charlesworth, of Tandridge Hall, Oxford, Surrey; aged 30 years.

At Victoria Hospital, Hongkong, on the morning of the 5th inst., MARY ALICE, beloved wife of J. R. Symington, C.E., of Messrs. Rutterfield & Swire's Office. The funeral will pass the Monument at 11.30 to-morrow, the 6th inst. All friends are respectfully invited.

The publication of this issue commenced at 5.15 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1904.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A Raid on Rats.

In the twenty-four hours, 25th to 26th January, 12,912 rats were captured in Hongkong, taken to the police station and destroyed (Herald). 11,000 rats were killed on the 6th inst.

Yachting

To-morrow the eighth Club race will be sailed over the following Western course:—From Kowloon Pier to Mark Boat off Chung Hoo (starboard), to North Puntway Buoy (starboard) to Mark Boat off Chung Hoo (starboard) and finish at Police Pier. The race will commence at 1.30 p.m. On the following day the one-design class and Handicap Class will compete over the same distance.

Military Movements in Tonkin.

General Cornaton arrived at Hanoi on the 25th ult., and on the following day he participated in a route march preparatory to the manoeuvres. General Cammergan rode at the head of the brigade as it returned to town. General Winkler Mayor commands the 2nd Brigade, which will be assembled between Hanoi and Seven Pagodas.

Staats Subsidiary Coins.

The *Strait Times* of the 26th ult. states:—We are informed that the Treasury will not, for the present, issue any more small silver coin. Representations have been made through the Chamber of Commerce that there is a superfluity of small silver coin in the bazaar. The public will, therefore, have to get such small silver coin as they want from the Banks, which are said to hold large amounts.

Port Arthur Ice-bound.

The *P. and T. Times* of the 23rd ult. states:—It is reported that the sea at Port Arthur, which has hitherto been free from ice, has now frozen. Since last spring Russia has been constructing a big breakwater at a cost of 20 million roubles. This breakwater has not only become an obstruction to the outflow of the river-water, but has changed the course of an ocean current, with the result that the harbour has frozen. The despair of the Russians can be easily imagined.

Tokio Bank Scandal.

A Tokyo bank scandal is pending, says the *Kobe Chronicle*. Charges of a most serious character have been preferred against several Tokyo bank directors and others, some of whom have been arrested. The principals in the case are Mr. Hiratsuka, director of the Teikoku Kangyo Bank of Tokyo, Mr. Iizuka, the president, five directors of the Tokyo Kangyo Bank and others. The charges against them are that they have conspired together, and forged the debentures of the Japan Hypothec Bank.

The Population of Kobe.

According to returns issued, the population of Kobe at the end of last year was 295,599, of whom 174,735 persons were registered residents of the city. It is remarkable to note that compared with the preceding year, there was a decrease of 17,378 on the total population. The reason for this decrease, if not due to some defects in the census taking, it would be interesting to discover. To judge by the constant building going on (says the *Kobe Chronicle*), and the extension of the town both east and west, it is very difficult to believe that there has been any actual decrease of population.

The Land of Maskee.

It is difficult to realise (writes the *Yungking-fu correspondent of the N.C. Daily News*) that there are prospects of war in Manchuria, if the condition of affairs in this city are accepted as any gauge. Officially and people alike know next to nothing of the slowly developing negotiations between Russia and Japan, and only to-day your correspondent was blantly told by one of the former class that Russia could certainly not remain in Manchuria, since the other (foreign) Powers would not tolerate it. No thought of China's obligation with respect to the present state of affairs. And this from a man whose ancestors sprang from the land now the bone of contention.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

The thickness of the ice at Tongku on the 23rd ult. was 13½ inches.

Mr E. P. Quoritz is now the Acting Governor of British North Borneo.

The Foochow A.D.C., produce 'Our Boys' on Tuesday next, the 9th inst.

The death is announced of Dowager Lady Rosmed, at the age of 80 years.

The death is announced of Herr Mannlicher, the inventor of the rifle of that name.

Heavy snowstorms are reported in Japan. Railway traffic has been interrupted.

It is rumoured that Japan proposes to double the income tax to meet war expenses.

Chinese in Vi-livstock are being drilled by Russians, and a number have been drafted to Harbin.

Major G. E. Pereira, D.S.O., of the Grenadier Guards, 1st battalion, has been appointed Military Attaché at Seoul.

At the last census, there were 1698 foreigners in Nagasaki, of whom 1099 were Chinese, 130 Russian, 105 American, 91 French and 92 British.

Lady Scott and her daughter (Countess Russell), who are on a voyage to Australia to restore shattered nerves broke the journey at Colombo.

The members of the medical profession in Ceylon propose to dine Sir Frederick Treves on the occasion of his visit to the Isle of Fragrant Breezes.

It is rumoured in official circles at Tientsin that according to statements made by a Japanese official, the 7th February is the limit date for negotiations between Japan and Russia.

A widow has died in County Down at the reputed age of 115. No fewer than eighty-three of her descendants—sons, grandsons, great-grandsons and sons-in-law—follow the occupation of shoemaker.

Enlistment in British Army.

The *Indian Daily News* has reason to believe that the old enlistment terms of five years with the Colours and seven in the Reserve will be reverted to.

Chinese for South Africa.

An indicative of the probable spread of Chinese throughout South Africa, if their importation to the Transvaal is permitted, a recommendation has been made by the Harbour Board at East London, in favour of obtaining Chinese labourers for work on the wharves.

The Fiscal Policy.

Mr E. D. Haskell will deliver a short address on 'Fiscal Policy and Imperial Feasibility' on Monday next at 5.15 p.m., in the Chamber of Commerce room, City Hall. After the address a debate will ensue in which the public are invited to join. The address is open to all.

Mauled by a Tiger.

A Bombay telegram dated 29th January says:—Yesterday, Mr Bonham, manager of Warren's circus, was bitten by a Bengal tiger on the hand and had a finger taken off. The same day Zernoni, the lion-tamer, was mauled on the arm by the same tiger. The sufferers were treated at the hospital for their injuries.

Nurses Die of Plague.

The following telegram, dated 18th ult., is published from Calcutta, viz., that of Nurse Walden, of St. Katherine's Hospital, who died on Saturday after two days' illness. A girl compounder under the late Miss Marvel has also succumbed. The Hospital has been temporarily evacuated, and the staff is in camp.

Radium Cure.

Radium is now in use in the London Skin Hospital, and some remarkable cures are reported. Disfiguring growths are said to be not only killed, but the application aids the body to supply healthy tissue in their place. Mme. Curie announces that she has discovered a new method by which radium can be produced much more cheaply.

Lt.-Col. Gough, V.C.

Major Gough has been awarded the Victoria Cross, and has been promoted to be Lieutenant-Colonel, for gallantry at Damt-lah, in Somaliland, on the 22nd April last. Lieut.-Colonel John Edmond Gough, V.C., of the Rifles, is one of the luckiest young officers of the day. He was a brevet-major on special service in Somaliland, but his rank as a captain only dates from December, 1898, and his age is just over 32. He saw staff service in the British Central Africa Protectorate, and also in South Africa. The action in which he won the V.C. was the engagement near Damot, where Captain Bruce lost his life. The accounts of the brilliant rear-guard action showed that signal heroism was displayed in repulsing Captain Bruce when wounded.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

The death is reported at Sheng-shi-yin in Kwantung on the 21st of December of the notorious General Tung Fu-shiang.

The Shanghai F.C. Rugby team (J. H. T. McMurtrie captain) defeated H.M.S. Sirius by 3 goals and 7 tries (36 points) to 1 try.

Mr W. J. Archer, Judge of the British Consular Court, Bangkok, has been appointed Judge of the International Court in Egypt.

A Soldier Shoots Himself.

A Calcutta telegram, dated 19th January, reports:—Sub-Conductor Lyons has blown out his brains with a revolver; the cause is unknown.

A Record Run.

The German mail steamer *Kiautschou* has made a record run from Hongkong to Singapore of 3 days 21 hours, thus reducing the previous record (her own) by three hours.

Smoking Concert.

At the Victoria Recreation Club's gymnasium to-morrow evening a smoking concert will be held, at which various members of the local talent will appear. Particulars as to price, etc., will be found in our advertising columns.

Death at Sea.

The *Times of Ceylon* of the 29th January reports:—The death occurred on Sunday last, on board the P. & O. steamer *Ceylon*, now in harbour, of Mrs Emma Quetch, a widow lady, a passenger from Shanghai, bound for home. Mrs Quetch, whose native place is Durham, had been ill for some time, and death was due to apoplexy. The body was buried at sea, three days before reaching Colombo.

Intense Cold in Japan.

According to records kept by the local authorities, Tuesday, 26th ult., was the coldest day experienced in Nagasaki since the institution of the Observatory in 1878. Previously, the record was held by the winter of 1886 when the thermometer fell to 32.2 degrees. On the 26th ult., however, at one period of the day, the temperature was as low as 22 degrees Fahrenheit.

Accident to Mr. Henningsen.

We are extremely sorry to learn (says the *P. and T. Times* of the 23rd ult.) that Mr N. T. Henningsen, of the Imperial Chinese Telegraphs, has broken his ankle while at the skating rink on Tuesday. He was skating with a friend when he fell, and his leg doubled under him. At first it was thought his leg was broken, but it was so painful that the doctor could not make an examination. It is now ascertained that the ankle is broken. Mr Henningsen is progressing fairly well. This is the fourth accident which has occurred to Tientsin residents this winter.

Pilot's Certificate Suspended.

The *Kobe Chronicle* of the 25th ult. reports:—The Marine Court which sat on Friday at Osaka to inquire into the causes of the stranding last September of the M.M. steamer *Australien*, and the responsibility of the pilot thereof, delivered judgment yesterday, the licence of the pilot, Captain H. D. James, being suspended for two months. In face of the evidence presented to the Court, the result will be received with some surprise, and it will be interesting to learn the reasons given by the Court.

A Welsh Fusilier Married.

The marriage of Major Raymond Sudley Webber, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, older son of Major-General Webber, C.B., and the late Hon. Mrs Webber, with Miss Geraldine Magnus, younger daughter of the late Mr Magnus, M.P., and the late Hon. Mrs Magnus, took place in St. Barnabas Church, Finsbury. The bride was given away by her half-brother, Colonel Vesey Dawson, commanding the Irish Guards, and was attended by four bridesmaids, Misses Patience and Cynthia Sergeant, cousins of the bridegroom; Miss Margaret Dunn, and Miss Patricia Mando, cousins of the bride, to whom the bridegroom gave turquoise heart locket on fine gold chains, and bouquets of pink carnations tied with white satin. Major Sir Horace M'Mahon, D.S.O., Royal Welsh Fusiliers, supported Major Webber as best man. The Rev. and Hon. Alfred Hasbany Treacy, uncle of the bridegroom, performed the ceremony, and gave a short address. The service was choral. The reception was held at the residence of Lord and Lady Castleown, of Upper Ossory, uncle and aunt of the bride, in Green-street, Park-lane, and the newly-married pair subsequently left for Paris.

Better than a Plaster.

A PIERCE of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound to the affected parts is superior to any plaster. When troubled with a lame back, or pain in the side or chest, give it a trial and you are certain to be more than pleased with the prompt relief which it affords. In every community it is a frequent occurrence for some one to be burned or scalded. The best treatment is Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which almost instantly relieves the pain and quickly heals the injured parts. For sale by all chemists and medicine vendors; WATKINS LTD., General Agents.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The A.D.C. Performances.

As will be seen from the advertisement which appears in our advertising columns, only four performances of 'His Excellency' will now be given, instead of five as previously announced.

Recall of Major Baker-Brown, R.E.

The *Singapore Free Press* of the 28th ult. says:—It is a fact of some significance that Major Baker-Brown, R.E., whose term of duty at Hongkong in charge of the Submarine Mining had expired, had got so far as Singapore in the *Diguna* on his way to England, when he was directed by the War Office, by telegram, to return to duty at Hongkong.—Major Brown arrived in Hongkong this morning by the *Seidlit*.

Special Meetings.

A series of meetings is being held this week in the City Hall at 6 p.m. daily. Though intended especially for men they are by no means exclusively so. Last night the Rev. T. Wright addressed a well-attended meeting, and this evening the Rev. J. H. France will preside, while to-morrow the Rev. T. W. Pearce will deliver the address. On Sunday, the hour will be eight o'clock instead of six, and on that occasion the meeting will be in the hands of Rev. W. J. Southam. A most cordial invitation is extended to all.

Band at the Hongkong Hotel.

The Band of the 93rd Burma Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel, to-morrow (Saturday) evening, from 8 to 9.30 p.m.:

March..... 'Marche des Tontons'..... Godard
Entr'acte..... 'Mini'..... Hamilton Clarke
Selection..... 'The Toreador'..... Ivan Caryll
Dances..... 'From Nell (Wray)'.....
Selection..... 'Mendelssohn's Songs'.....
without words 'Ad. by Godfrey
Vantz'..... 'Valse des Fleurs'.....
Technikowsky
Two Steps..... 'Mumblin Mars'..... Thurban
ODD SAVE THE KING.

Serious Fire at Tientsin.

We learn from the *P. and T. Times* that the fire at D'Arcy's Hotel on the night of the 18th ult. was caused apparently by a defect in the heating apparatus. It broke out just before mid-night in one of the bedrooms, and in an incredibly short space of time the whole building was sheathed in flames. The occupants fortunately escaped, though some had narrow escapes, and Mr Brady, whose retreat was cut off, had to break a window with his fist and slide down the verandah pole. Many of the visitors were in bed and fled partly dressed. They were temporarily housed by the kindness of many hostesses. The B.M.C. Fire Brigade was handicapped at the outset by lack of appliances and water, and in any case little could have been done beyond preventing the spread of the flames to adjacent property. The German soldiers lent valuable assistance. Mr George D'Arcy was insured, as far as personal property was concerned, for £14,000 in the Manchester Insurance Co., and the building was insured jointly by the Tientsin Land and Investment Co., with the Sun and the Royal Insurance Companies. Many of the visitors were, however, heavy losers.—The Tientsin paper also contains full details of the great fire three days later by which the new building just awaiting occupation by the Russo-Chinese bank was gutted. As a spectacle this was more directly magnificent than that at the hotel, and the flames could be seen miles away. The building was being dried prior to occupation by a system of hot air, and the origin of the fire is

TELEGRAMS.

[SPECIAL PRESS SERVICE.]
LAWLESSNESS IN KOREA.

American Marines Quell Disturbance.

SEOUL, January 23.

At present Seoul represents a diplomatic jostling ground, where the various foreign ministers daily tilt at each other, while the Emperor rules sleepily on.

Rumours are numerous, but valuable news is infrequent. The vital point in the present situation is the absolute wisdom of bringing foreign guards here.

The populace are sullen and the local journals fulminate daily any spark sufficient to light a blaze which shall kindle into a riot, but the Legation guards inspire fear.

This morning a case in point occurred. The Seoul electric railway overran and killed a native. It was the latter's fault, but a mob collected and upset the car and threatened its destruction. They also beat and kicked the conductor, who was seriously injured. The mob then turned on the American Legation, who were engaged and dispersed the mob, but the Korean and Japanese Legations were with indifference.

It is believed that, but for the presence of the American guards, the mob would have probably been joined by the mob and a general riot broken out in which foreign lives and property would have been in a very little.

The greatest power in the Korean palace is in the hands of Yungyong, who, as Minister of War, controls the finances, troops, etc. He is a native Korean, but is under the influence of the Japanese. He has resigned the War portfolio, and his seat is now occupied by a Japanese, who is from the Japanese Legation.

A Change of Ministers.

SEOUL, January 23.

The Emperor of Korea has appointed two foreign teachers as his personal guards, one being always in attendance. He attaches great importance to the declaration of Korean neutrality in the event of war between Russia and Japan, which is the subject of much anxious conversation at the Legations.

The feeling against Yungyong as a Russian tool, is growing and many have taken an oath to kill him. There are indications that he has arranged the escape of the Emperor, and himself to Seoul in the event of trouble. Imperial families are locked up in Shanghai and elsewhere, under his control, and it is suspected that the Russians will assist.

LATER.

Pakchun has been recalled from Peking and made Foreign Minister. He is a strong man but not popular. The diplomatic authorities here state that the report of disturbances in various parts of the country are greatly exaggerated. When investigated the majority prove to be merely ordinary thefts by unpaid soldiers, which are also frequent in Seoul.

The managers of British and American mines have wired all safe and quiet.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

H.M.S. "GORGON" v. H.M.S. "VENOMOUS".

H.M.S. "GORGON" defeated H.M.S. "VENOMOUS" by four goals to nil at Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon. This was a League match, and a large crowd were present to watch the game. In the first half, Downie scored a goal for the "GORGON", and added another in the second spell; Spinner also scored two in the second half. The teams were as follows:—

"GORGON": McDermid, goal; McIntyre and Hall, backs; Lewis, Holt and Wright, halves; Spinner, Corne, Downie, Walmsley and Vaughan, forwards.

"VENOMOUS": Marchant, goal; Gardiner and Gilbert, backs; Joseph, Lunn, and Cornick, halves; Norris, Ross, Halligan, Nixon and Green, forwards.

Sgt. Corbett was referee.

H.M.S. "ALBION" v. H.M.S. "TAMAR".

A draw was the result of a game between "Albion" and "Tamar", both sides scoring one goal. Whiting, for the "Albion", and Edgar, for the "Tamar", were the scorers. The teams were as follows:—

"Albion": Gosling, goal; Steel and Train, backs; Stanley, Blackman and Whiting, halves; Eganby, Foreman, Woolnough, Black and Sawyer, forwards.

"Tamar": Hawkins, goal; Wright and Dodd, backs; Hattie, Hawkins and Jackson, halves; Oxford, Woolley, Edgar, Gee and Childer, forwards.

To-morrow afternoon on the Happy Valley.

The Hongkong Football Club will play the Sherwood Foresters' kick-off at four o'clock. The following will play for the Club:—F. H. Kew, goal; H. C. Austen and E. F. Auer, backs; H. C. Gray, C. T. Kew, and J. W. C. Bounar, halves; W. H. Williams, C. R. S. Cooper, R. Harbeck, R. A. Whitmore, and A. B. Hunt, forwards.

Best Treatment.

INFANTARIA is always more or less prevalent at this season of the year. This disease is very similar to a severe cold and is allowed to take its course is liable to cause serious results. The best treatment for influenza is to avoid exposure and take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This medicine gives immediate relief and if used as directed, will ward off all dangerous consequences. It leaves the system in a natural and healthy condition. It always cures and cures quickly. For sale by all chemists and medicine vendors; WATKINS Ltd., General Agents.

THE WAR CLOUD.

LOCAL PREPARATIONS.

The recall of Major Baker-Ba n, of the Royal Engineers, would seem to indicate that the British Government contemplates active participation in hostilities in the event of war breaking out between Japan and Russia. Major Brown has an intimate knowledge of the submarine defences of the Colony, and acted as A.D.C. to Colonel L. F. Brown, R.E., while that officer commanded the local garrison, prior to the arrival of Major-General Villiers Hutton, and being, therefore, an intimate knowledge of the military resources of the Colony, would be a very useful man to the staff in the event of war. Presumably, it was Major Brown's recall which gave rise to the rumour that the *Dido*, transport ship, had been ordered back to Hongkong, this information being wired from Singapore to the *Daily Press* a few days ago.

Although it would be a mistake to state that intense excitement prevails in Hongkong, it is quite obvious that the military authorities are taking active steps to prevent any surprise, and are perfecting, as quickly as they can, the scheme of defence of the Colony. New batteries are being completed and their armament placed in position. During the past six months, considerable progress has been made with the defence of the south shore, but this is only part of a general scheme of defence, prepared years ago, and has no particular significance to the political agitation of the moment.

It is generally understood that the China Squadron of H.B.M.'s fleet has been preparing for contingencies for the past three or four months, and is now in a very efficient state to proceed to sea should the emergency call for action. The *King Alfred*, which arrived with a new crew for the *Gloria*, battleship, in a few days, is expected to remain on the Station for some time, and we are informed, on what appears to be very reliable authority, that three more battleships have been ordered to Hongkong.

RUSSIA'S PREPARATIONS.

The Moscow correspondent of the Standard wrote on the 25th December:—

Although nothing whatever of a definite nature is known here, the belief in an imminent outbreak of hostilities in the Far East has suddenly seized upon everybody, presumably upon receipt of the alarming intelligence current abroad. Beyond the fact that the trains on the Siberian Railway are now almost every day from twelve to thirty hours late in reaching Moscow, and that the reason is now being frankly given as owing to irregular despatch of 'goods trains' (that is, troop trains), there is little information available. To-day, however, Moscow merchants have been freely incurring floating cargoes under the Russian flag specially against war risks, but the rate has not yet risen above 5 per cent. Increased activity is noticeable in military circles, and every preparation has been made to continue at an increased rate, the despatch of troops at the moment is considered advisable to openly declare mobilisation.

The Press is busy endeavouring to allay the unqualified apprehensions of all classes of Russians, with whom this threatening war is anything but popular. In view of the not improbable contingency at home, in the event of Russia being involved in war, the Police are now engaged in most carefully scrutinising the *honest-fides*—the 'being of good promise'—as the Russians put it—of all classes of the population likely to have influence, and particularly the innumerable ranks of the *officiers*. In spite, however, of all the signs of inactivity, there are plenty of Russians to be found who believe that at the last moment Russia will find discretion the better part, and will relinquish the major part of her ambitions in the Far East. This belief, so far as I can gather, is based upon the knowledge of the internal condition of Russia, and particularly upon the state of the Russian finances.

Russia's Preparedness Exaggerated.

London, January 19.—Major Poreira, of the British Army, has arrived at Port Arthur overland from Seoul; and reports that the Russian preparations are incomplete and that the troops at the various points have been exaggerated.

The Japanese Cruisers.

Colombo, January 21.—The Japanese cruisers *Nishiki* and *Kangra* will take at Colombo as much coal as they can carry, in which case the coaling will occupy about twenty hours, that is if all facilities are afforded the coaling people. From eight to ten gangs of coolies, totalling about 150, should then be at work, this number including the trimmers. Trimming is an important factor in coaling, and on good trimming will depend the rapidity of taking in coal.

The Russian cruiser *Aurora* has a coal capacity equal to that of the Japanese armoured cruisers.—*Times of Ceylon*.

A special telegram to the *Singapore Free Press* from Colombo states that the two cruisers were to coal only at Singapore on their voyage from Colombo to Japan. We stated two days ago that the cruisers were not to call at Hongkong.

Germany's Little War.

The first detachment of German Marines for Damaraland left Kiel on the 21st ult. after a stirring address from Prince Henry, who hoped that every bullet they fired would find its billet.

The Osaka Shosen Kaisha.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha on the 22nd ult., the profit for the half-year just ended was declared at 880,517 yen. Of that sum, 182,000 yen was placed to the reserve for insurance, 202,000 yen to the reserve for repairs, 198,000 yen was written off for depreciation, and 14,000 yen placed to the legal reserve. A dividend was declared at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum; the same rate as for the corresponding period of 1902. The receipts on the Formosan and South China line were reported to show no fluctuation on the previous year.

THE TARIFF COMMISSION.

Its Chairman's Qualification.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, January 1.

Mr Chamberlain's Tariff Commission is flourishing and growing in favour. Free traders may cast ridicule on it, but I doubt whether Lord Rosebery, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and their colleagues could form such a board to discuss the continuity of our present fiscal policy. The new members who have this week given their services to the cause are remarkable as representing most of the leading industries in the United Kingdom, but the greatest asset of the Commission is to be got rid of Sir Robert Herbert will act as chairman.

The Empire at large is apt to forget the amount of its indebtedness to this great statesman, so it is not to be recalled that previous to his appointment as Under Secretary of State for the Colonies in 1871, Mr Chamberlain's office looked upon the Colonies as an incubator to be got rid of as quickly as possible. No wonder Downing Street was not awestruck in the nostrils of our Colonies, and every reliance will be placed in the deliberations of Sir Robert on the Tariff Commission, because we do at any rate understand what a determined, skilled man he must be to break down Government red tape and what may be called his former narrow 'protectionism' in regards the Colonies.

ANOTHER SHIPPING DEAL.

The N.D.L. to Purchase a Borneo Steamship Line.

Lahore, 29th Jan.—It is definitely stated here that a rumour current for two weeks past is perfectly correct in substance, and that the North German Lloyd Steamship Company has purchased the Sash Steamship Company, of which Messrs Daryl and Co., of Sandakan are the Agents.

The Sash Company owns four little coasters of about 120 tons apiece register, or less, and has a fifth similar craft now building. The four in commission are the *Lebanon*, the *Arabia*, the *Yamato*, and the *Tanaka*. These maintain a regular bi-monthly service from Sandakan down the West Coast to Lahar, and ports, and a similar service down the East Coast as far as Tawau, while smaller boats keep up the connection with the Philippines and other ports, as occasion requires. The North German Lloyd is to take over this entire fleet and the carrying trade it controls, for, it is reported, a sum of \$88,000. The vessels are to remain under the British flag for the present, and Messrs Daryl & Co. of Sandakan will still act as their agents. It is believed, however, that the arrangements affecting flag and agency will terminate in the same fashion as did that between the Germans and the Scottish Oriental Lines, which are now all German. The only vessel other than the North German Lloyd and Sash Company's boats that now touch at Borneo ports, is a Chinese owned boat that plies between Singapore and Celebes, and which calls at Lahar for coal. That vessel, unluckily, cannot be counted upon by traders, because she has rarely any available cargo space.

Messrs Bohn Meyer & Co., the local Agents of the Norddeutscher Lloyd, state that the arrangement referred to in our correspondent's letter has been pending for some time but is not actually completed. Negotiations, they state, are now pending; they may not come to terms at all, or the determination will not be made finally until the beginning of February.

From the contents of a personal letter to hand yesterday, however, we understand that at Lahar and Sandakan, the arrangements for the transfer of the Sash vessels to the Norddeutscher Lloyd were reported on about the 11th inst. and were confirmed by some of the parties locally interested some days prior to the despatch of the *Tringman* for Singapore on the 29th inst.—*Strait Times*.

HOME FOOTBALL.

The following are the latest results to hand by the German mail to-day:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

At Manchester, Middlesbrough and Manchester City drew—1 all.

At Sheffield, Wednesday (1) beat Wolverhampton Wanderers (1).

At Blackburn, Rovers (3) beat Notts Forest (1).

At Sunderland, Newcastle United and Sunderland drew—1 all.

At Bury, Bury (3) beat Notts County (0).

At Sheffield, United and Small Heath drew—1 all.

At Middlesbrough, Sheffield Wednesday (1) beat Middlesbrough (0).

At Birmingham, Aston Villa (2) beat Sunderland (0).

At Manchester, City and Stoke drew—2 all.

At Newcastle, United (1) beat West Bromwich Albion (0).

At Nottingham, Everton (3) beat Notts County (0).

At Wolverhampton, Wanderers and Notts Forest drew—2 all.

At Bury, Bury (3) beat Blackburn Rovers (0).

At Liverpool, Notts Forest and Liverpool drew—no score.

Sheffield United now lead with 29 points for 20 games, Sheffield Wednesday being 26 for 19, Tottenham and Aston Villa and Manchester City with 26 for 20 games.

Preston North End still lead in the second division with 30 points for 18 games, with Woolwich Arsenal second with 27 points for 17 games.

At Park, St. Mirren and Partick Thistle drew—1 all.

At Celtic Park, Rangers and Celtic drew—2 all.

At Greenock, Greenock Morton (1) drew Dundee (1).

At Glasgow, 3rd Lanark (3) beat Port Glasgow Athletic (0).

At Paisley, St. Mirren (0) drew Motherwell (0).

At Glasgow, Glasgow Rangers (2) beat Partick Thistle (0).

At Edinburgh, Heart of Midlothian (3) beat Queen's Park (1).

At Paisley, 3rd Lanark (2) beat St. Mirren (1).

At Greenock, Port Glasgow Athletic (3) beat Greenock Morton (2).

At Glasgow, Corinthians (3) beat Queen's Park (1).

At Edinburgh (City Cup) Heart of Midlothian and Hibernian drew—no score.

At Glasgow, Celtic (5) beat Corinthians (0).

At Birmingham, Aston Villa (2) beat Corinthians (1).

At Glasgow, Bury (2) beat Rangers (1).

At Greenock, Greenock Morton (1) drew Dundee (1).

At Glasgow, 3rd Lanark (3) beat Port Glasgow Athletic (0).

At Paisley, St. Mirren (0) drew Motherwell (0).

At Glasgow, Glasgow Rangers (2) beat Partick Thistle (0).

CRICKET LEAGUE.

The following will represent the Civil Service C.C. against the Hongkong C.C. 'A' Team on the Civil Service ground to-morrow at 2.15 p.m.:—Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson, G. A. Woodcock, H. T. Jackson, A. G. M. Fletcher, P. T. Lambie, L. E. Brett, J. Doreney, W. H. Woolley, J. Lander, R. Witherell, and F. T. Robins.

The following will play for Craigengower against the *Parsons* on the ground of the latter to-morrow, commencing at 2 p.m.:—L. E. Lammer, J. D. Kinnaird, A. C. Brown, R. Bass, M. E. Ager, E. Ford, J. Craig, J. P. Jordan, L. A. Rose, R. Pestonji, and J. L. Stuart.

The following is the table for the Cricket League Competition:—

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Pts.
A.O.C.	11	1	0	30
Civil Service	9	7	1	22
Craigengower	10	5	3	17
R.E.	9	5	4	15
H.K.C.C. 'A'	9	3	6	9
'Tamar'	7	2	5	6
R.A.M.C.	9	1	7	1
Parsons	8	1	7	0

LATE TELEGRAMS.

The Fiscal Campaign.

Calcutta, Jan. 21.—The London correspondent of the *Indian Daily Telegraph* says that the Unionist opposition to Mr Chamberlain's fiscal proposals are spreading, particularly in Birmingham.

'Ragging' in the Ranks.

London, Jan. 19.—A boy hailer of the 2nd Battalion of the Rifle Brigade at Cairo has died after maltreatment following a mock court-martial. The deceased's defence is said to have brought extra drills on all the boys.

Labour on the Road.

The Transvaal Legislative has passed the Labour Importation Ordinance, first reading.

Colonial Reciprocity.

The Australian Postal Department has shown its practical appreciation of the idea of preferential trade by accepting a British tender for £12,000 worth of copper wire, though a three-quarter per cent. higher than an American tender.

Lord Kitchener.

Calcutta, January 17.—The Commander-in-Chief may possibly make a short tour by rail next month, if his present rate of recovery from his accident is maintained.

Fires in Burma.

Rangoon, January 18.—Information from Bassein states that property to the value of three lakhs was destroyed by fire on Sunday. There was a disastrous fire here this morning, destroying forty timber buildings and rendering several Burmese families homeless. The damage is estimated at one lakh.

A Prehistoric Peep.

Calcutta, January 18.—Phari Fort, which was supposed to be impregnable, has surrendered to the Mission. The Fort was found to be full of old chain armour, helmets, swords, spears, and gunpowder. The latter was destroyed. The people are friendly.

Is it to be Curzon's Folly?

It is proposed to hold an exhibition of the plans and drawings of the Victoria Memorial Hall, also samples of the marbles to be employed in construction, paintings, busts, etc. Work on the building will shortly commence. Mr Emerson, architect, is expected shortly, and will supervise the work.

The Hottentot Rising.

London, January 16.—The risings in German Namaland have extended to Damaraland. A number of settlers have been massacred. Okavango has been plundered and attempts made to relieve it have failed, and the Germans suffered heavy losses. Windhoek, the seat of Government, is threatened, and the railway cut.

Attacked by Dacoits.

Rangoon, January 20.—An official press note to-day states that Mr McGrath of the Pombay & Burma Trading Corporation, was attacked by robbers on the 16th inst., eight miles north-west of Kaulin, and received several severe lacerations and wounds, which are not dangerous.

The Thibet Mission.

Calcutta, January 16.—General Macdonald reports from Phari, on January 11, that he has returned there, having left the Mission with all available supplies, entrenched at Thuna in a strong position within a walled enclosure. The following composed the escort, under Colonel Hogge:—1 Companies of the 23rd Pioneers, a 7-pounder gun, the machine-gun section of the Norfolk Regiment, 2 Madras Sappers, and medical supply detachments. Strong winds and the severe cold tried the men and the animals, but there were no casualties. Thibetian villagers had attacked Lieut. Grant, pelting him with stones. They also carried off his rifle. The affair is under investigation by the Political Agent.

January 19.—Darjeeling reports state that 3,400 Thibetians have collected forty miles beyond Phari, and that hostilities are not impossible in the near future. The weather continues fine. Despite forty to fifty degrees of frost the troops are keeping very fit.

January 20.—General Macdonald and staff, and the Mountain Battery, who returned to Calcutta yesterday, bring the news that Colonel Younghusband and two officers had visited the Thibetian Camp at Guru, where they were instantly received. The Mission is securely entrenched and has ample supplies. Up to the present there has been no overt act of hostilities on the part of the Thibetians.

Intimations have reached the Foreign Office here that Colonel Younghusband paid, on invitation, an informal visit to the Court of the Thibetian Delegates, encamped, with a large number of armed Thibetians, beyond Thuna. The result of the visit will not be made public for some time. It is not known whether the Delegates are properly accredited agents of the Government authorities. It is assumed that the Lamas have awakened to the occasion, and the arrival of the Delegates may lead to important conclusions. In the meantime General Macdonald is taking the necessary military precautions. Cautionary orders were issued to the troops yesterday.

Gateshead Bye-Election.

London, January 21.—Gateshead election has resulted in the return of Mr Johnson, Liberal candidate and Free-Trade, who polled 3,220 votes against 7,015 polled by Viscount Mervyn, Conservative candidate and Chamberlainite.

Hooliganism in Nice.

January 8.—A band of 'hooligans' at Nice, in the north of France, waylaid and robbed Miss Gertrude Duffy, daughter of the late Sir Charles Gavan Duffy, while she was walking home.

To-day's Advertisements

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB
Will Give Four Performances of THE COMIC OPERA
'HIS EXCELLENCY'

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Music composed by Dr Osmond Carr.

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Dress Circle \$3
Stalls 3
Pit Stalls 2
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No Hall Price.

Tickets can be obtained at the Booking Office of the Theatre, City Hall, on and after MONDAY, February 8, at 10 a.m. Booking Office will be opened daily from that date from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Late Trains will run a quarter of an hour after the fall of the curtain.

Hongkong, February 5, 1904. 107

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

In the Matter of J. LLEWELLYN and COMPANY, LIMITED.
and
In the Matter of the COMPANIES ORDINANCES 1877 and 1886.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the Supreme Court of Hongkong dated the 28th day of January, 1904, confirming the reduction of the Capital of the above-named Company from \$120,000 Mexican to \$72,000 Mexican, and the Minute (approved by the Court) showing with respect to the Capital of the Company altered the several particulars required by the above Ordinances were registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 29th day of January, 1904.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the said Minute is in the words and figures following:—

'The Capital of J. LLEWELLYN and COMPANY, LIMITED, heretofore been \$120,000 Mexican divided into 1,200 shares of \$100 each instead of the Original Capital of \$120,000 Mexican divided into 1,200 shares of \$100 Mexican each. At the time of the registration of this Minute the sum of \$80 has been and is to be deemed paid up on each of the said shares.'

Dated the 4th day of February, 1904.

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,
Solicitors for the Company.

LOST.

FOX TERRIER DOG, 2 Black Spots, on each side of Head, even marked, tinged on sides with brown, small out on muzzle.
Would find please return to
17, MORRISON HILL ROAD.
Hongkong, February 5, 1904. 241

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE COMPETITION on SATURDAY, 6th inst., will be for SPoons, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Ranges 200, 600 and 800 Yards. 7 Shots and a Sighter at each Range.

M. S. NORTHCOTE,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 5, 1904. 245

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Apply to
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Hongkong, February 5, 1904. 247

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW.
THE Company's Steamship
HAITAN,
Captain ROBERTSON, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 7th inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

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NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

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FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KORE AND YOKOHAMA.

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OF THE NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
Captain C. DEWEES, will leave for the above places on SATURDAY, the 6th inst., at 7 a.m.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 5, 1904. 243

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, HAMBURG AND LONDON.

THE Steamship
MERIONTHSHIRE,
Captain G. C. CURRY, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Goods are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 12th February, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on FRIDAY, the 12th February, at 9.30 a.m.

All Claims must reach us before the 17th February, 1904, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

Shipping.

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WILL dispatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATE

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS.
YAMA, VIA SHAI, MOJI & KOBE (passing through the Inland Sea)	Borneo	About 7th February.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON, &c.	Molt	13th February.	See Special Advertisement.
SHANGHAI	Ballaarat	About 18th February.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON, AMSTERDAM & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, C. P. LONDON	Palermo	About 17th February.	Freight only.

For further Particulars, apply to K. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

F. & C. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, February 3, 1904.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR HAVRE AND HAMBURG.

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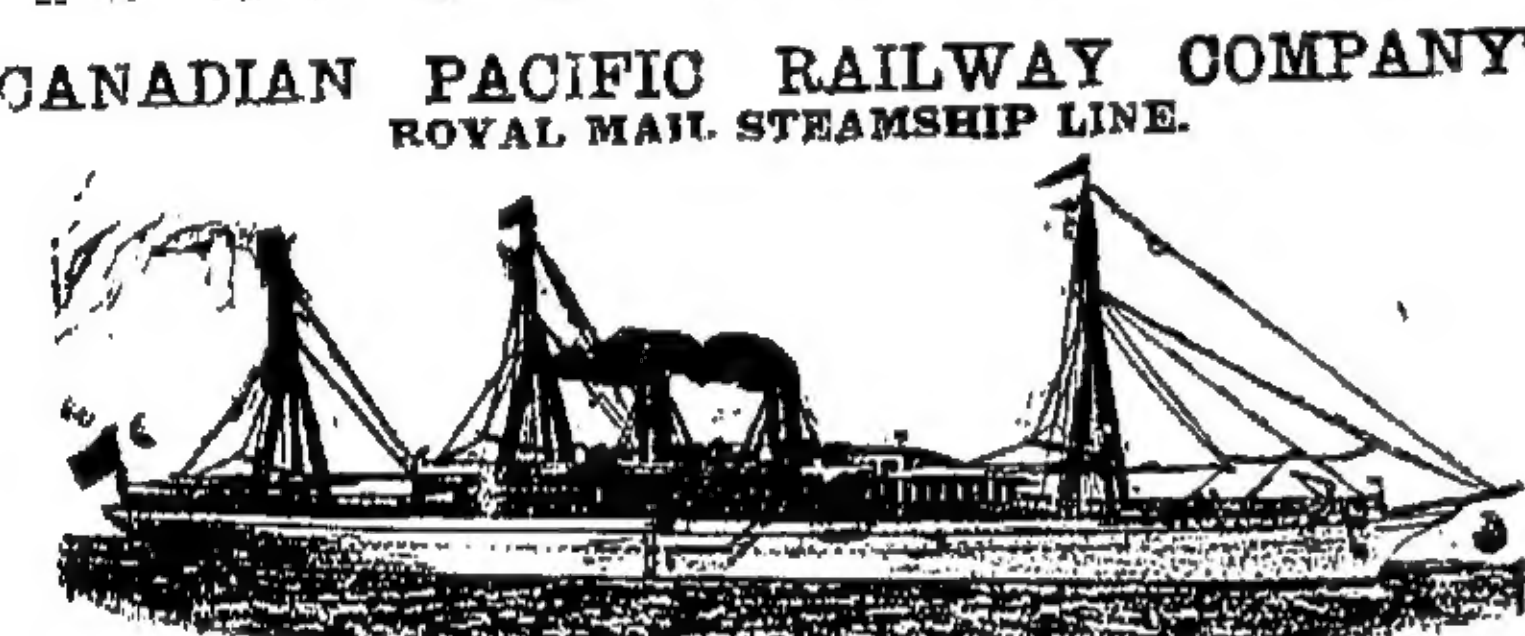
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GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	LODENSEN	27th February.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	LODENSEN	4th March.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	LODENSEN	11th March.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	LODENSEN	18th March.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	LODENSEN	25th March.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON & ANTWERP	NESTOR	6th February.
LONDON & ANTWERP	KISTUCK	16th February.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	KEMPS	22nd February.
LONDON & ANTWERP	MOYUN	1st March.
LONDON & ANTWERP	GLAUCUS	11th March.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	PAK LING	29th March.
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Notices to Consignees.

BOSTON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKO, HAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

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Cargo impounding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

DODWELL & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, January 30, 1904. 206

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FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

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E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, January 31, 1904. 208

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